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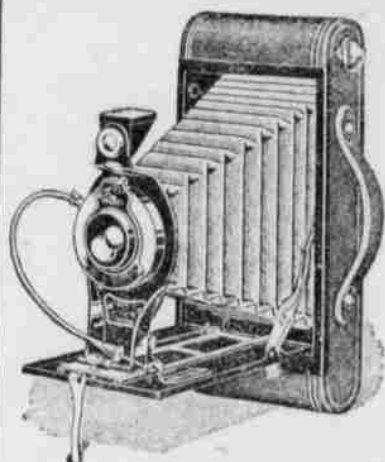
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POULTRY RAISERS ORGANIZED

CO. ASSOCIATION FORMED FRIDAY

The Next Meeting Called for Next Tuesday
When the State President Will Be
Here For an Address

With about 50 ranchers present, some of them from remote Upper Valley sections, the Hood River Valley Poultry Association was organized Friday afternoon at the rooms of the Commercial Club. E. M. White was elected president, and Edward Thornton was named secretary and treasurer.

"The poultry business has made rapid strides here in the past few years," says Mr. Thornton, "and the interest taken in our first meeting exceeded the hopes of those of us boosting for organization. An incomplete canvass of the valley shows that we now have 5,000 laying hens."

The new organization will hold a second meeting Tuesday, December 28, when President Upson, of the Oregon Poultry Producers' Association, will be present for an address. It is planned to affiliate with the statewide organization. The new county association plans the cooperative purchase of feed in ton quantities. Thus, Mr. Thornton says, it is expected that a material saving will be effected. It has been suggested that a poultry show be held during the winter.

Hood River has a number of poultry raisers who already have records for their birds. S. J. Frank and E. F. Batten have taken awards a numerous shows. Mr. Frank's chickens have won egg laying contests. Bert Senter, a new poultryman here, has recently won premiums on his Single Comb White Leghorns at the Portland show. He has a hen that has just taken first place in an egg laying contest.

APPLE MEN TURN TOWARD COOPERATION

While definite plans are not yet taking shape, Leroy Childs, just back from Spokane, who is attending the annual convention of the Washington Horticultural Society and a conference of horticulturists, believes that indications point to ultimate cooperation between Northwestern apple sections in the distribution and sale of their apple crop. Bankers and others interested in the apple business, as well as the growers themselves, says Mr. Childs, are evidencing a keen interest in methods that will put the business on a firmer basis. To date, he says, the different Northwestern districts have been competing among themselves. A pride in home districts that has been so great as to bring forth antagonism toward other districts has evidenced itself in past meetings. But this old competitive feeling he declares, seemed missing from the Spokane session. Growers of the northwest have learned that they must combine to meet the keen competition that is arising from the commercial orchard sections, where orchardists are more and more cultivating their trade and packing their fruit according to scientific plans of the Northwest.

Mr. Childs believes that the Northwest wide cooperative movement may not become an actuality or several years. He thinks that the respective districts must first form community cooperative organizations. He cites such a trend already under way, pointing out that Wenatchee growers, renowned for their independent selling, are now engaged in forming a cooperative body, which, it is said, will control 10,000 of the 16,000 carload crop expected next year.

Mr. Childs says that one of the keynote addresses at the Spokane meeting was delivered by C. I. Lewis, one of the prime movers in the Oregon Growers cooperative organization, now handling a larger portion of the fruit of the Willamette Valley, who discussed the necessity for cooperation. Mr. Childs delivered an address on leaf roller and methods of combating it.

F. A. Olmstead was also present at the meeting.

CHARITY CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED JOINTLY

The appeals to Hood River folk for the European Relief Fund and for the relief of starving children in the Near East were combined here. With C. W. McCullagh and F. A. Olmstead in charge of the respective campaigns, a meeting was held Saturday afternoon at the Commercial Club. Committee men from most of the valley districts were present. All churches of the valley carried the appeal to members of congregations Sunday. At Saturday's meeting it was decided to make the appeal for funds only to those of the district who could afford to give. Committeemen were instructed to observe their respective districts and to ascertain if any local folk were in need of funds.

The joint quota of the two funds for Hood River county was placed at \$4,000, 60 per cent to go to the European Relief fund and 40 per cent to the Near East fund.

P. O. LOCATION AGAIN A PROBLEM

The problem of relocating postoffice quarters here which has bobbed up for solution at intervals for the past year, was again to the forefront Tuesday when merchants and business men wired Representative Sinnott, expressing their approval of the old location in the Masonic building. The message was in reply to a telegram from Mr. Sinnott, who stated that the postoffice department seemed favorable to removing the office to a building proposed by C. A. Cases. The business men wiring their protest say Mr. Cases' site, located on Cascade avenue at the west edge of the business section is not central enough.

Over a year ago the postoffice department, announcing that the quarters in the Masonic building, where the office has been located for 15 years, were too crowded, called for bids on a new location. Mr. Cases won the award. A protest followed but was later dropped. Finally, however, the successful bidder declined the award claiming that the rise in cost of labor and material, after he had made his bid, would prohibit him from erecting a new building. A new call for bids was issued in the early fall. It was expected that the office would remain at the Masonic building, an additional room of the structure having been made available.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

FREDRICK HEADS COMMERCIAL CLUB

Organization Adopts Two Amendments—Members Promote Local and European Charity Appeals

At the annual meeting of the Commercial Club Monday night Dr. J. D. Guttery, Commissioner Blackman and A. W. Peters were elected members of the directorate to succeed C. J. Calkins, M. Culbertson and A. S. Keir, whose term of office expired. Two amendments to the organization's by-laws and constitution were adopted. One of them provides for a change in name from the Hood River County Commercial Club to the Hood River County Commercial Club. It is the plan to make the organization cover the entire county, and it was significant that the three new directors named are all orchardists.

The other amendment provides that the president and vice-president of the directorate be elected by general vote of the members instead of by the members of the directorate itself. Immediately following the adoption of the amendment the club members balloted on officers, electing J. H. Fredrick president and E. W. Birge vice-president.

Frank Oster, who reported actual conditions of want among children of eastern Europe, addressed the members of the club in an appeal for the European relief fund. The club members are taking a leading part here in raising the county's quota of the Oregon state fund for relief of Europe's needy.

The club also appointed a committee to investigate local conditions, and it was urged that no needy family of Hood River pass Christmas day without a visit from Santa Claus.

Joe Winchell tells of life in Guam.

"I feel as if I had passed up the last two Christmas celebrations," declares Joe W. Winchell, son of V. Winchell, who has just returned home from four years of service with the United States Marines. He spent Christmas of the past two years at Guam, where a company of marines was engaged in reconstructing fortifications.

"It will be a treat, indeed, to be back where one can see snow covered hills at Christmas," continued the ex-marine. "Two years of continual summer certainly grows monotonous."

Mr. Winchell says life is doubly monotonous on Guam, which is only five miles wide and 30 miles long, where, he declares, the natives have less energy and ambition than anywhere else in the world.

"The inhabitants of Guam," he says "are a mixture of Spanish and Samoans. Their chief occupation is harvesting the crops from wild coconut groves. They trade their copra to Japanese for rice and flour. Their diet consists chiefly of fish, rice, yams and bread. They seem to have absolutely no resistance to disease, and when the epidemic of influenza struck them in 1918 a third of the population was wiped out. A native only lasted 24 hours after he was stricken."

"The naval authorities have bettered conditions somewhat by reforming sanitation. The schools now teach English exclusively and an effort is being made to do away with the old Chamorro language."

"Guam is chiefly useful to the United States as the location of a giant radio station. Messages are relayed there from San Diego and Mare Island to Manila and vice versa. The English maintain a civilian cable station at Guam."

FORESTRY SUIT SURPRISES COMPANY

Officials of the Oregon Lumber Co. expressed surprise on learning of the suit filed by the forestry service for damages alleged to have resulted from a forest fire July 21, 1919. The complaint alleges that the fire was caused by sparks from a logging train, setting fire to debris along a track and spreading to 515 acres of timber. Damages of \$11,840 are asked. The timber alleged to have been burned is located on Marco creek on the northwest base of Mount Hood.

Officials of the lumber concern recall the fire, but it is said that the government made no claims for damages at the time. In fact, officials recall, forestry officials complimented the lumber concern for their diligence in fighting the fire and in cleaning up burning snags in the area burned. The logging camp and Dec mill were closed down while crews were engaged in fighting the fire. The cost of extinguishing the blaze, it is said, reached \$6,000. While the government alleges the improper park arresters were used on the logging locomotives, it is said by representatives of the company that every precaution had been used in an effort to prevent fire.

GREATER O. A. C. DANCE NEXT WEEK

A committee composed of Charles Johnson, E. A. Berman and Miss Frances Castner, is already busy on elaborate plans for the second annual Greater O. A. C. dance to be held at the Pythian hall the evening of Thursday December 30. The custom was inaugurated by the Agricultural College students last year.

Not only are students and alumni of O. A. C. invited to attend the dance, but the committee urges that students and alumni of all places of higher education join in the holiday social function. All high school students are also invited. The annual dances, Mr. Johnson states, are promoted to create better acquaintanceship between college alumni and students and prospective students.

ORVILLE THOMPSON KILLS BIG COUGAR

Orville Thompson was down from the Upper Valley Monday with the carcass of a female cougar, measuring six feet and seven inches and weighing 120 pounds. He left it with Fred Rand to be mounted. Many yawned the cougar, displayed in front of the Electric Kitchen.

The big cat was reported at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by John McConn, a rancher of the Log creek district. At 3 o'clock Mr. Thompson, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Earl Newman, started his dogs on the fresh trail. In 40 minutes the dogs treed the cougar in a fir. Mr. Thompson fired at the cat stood on a large branch 40 feet from the earth. His bullet, from a 30-30 Marlin rifle, severed both jugular veins, and the body crashed earthward with a crackling of limbs and underbrush.

Okla. Man Visits Here

J. S. Wishard and wife, from McAlester, Okla., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wells. Mr. Wishard and Mr. Wells were schoolmates in Oklahoma and have not met in 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Wishard think this a fine place and expect to remain here a year or so. It was a happy meeting and there is plenty to talk about of days gone by.

Mr. Wishard served 31 months for Uncle Sam in the Rainbow Division, one of the first groups of boys to land in France and one of that went over the Hindenburg line before the armistice was signed.

K. OF P. BAND TO GIVE A BIG DANCE

The members of Waucoma Lodge, K. of P., will be hosts at a dance at their hall New Year's eve. A committee, composed of J. C. Meyer, E. D. Waldie and L. F. Brazeau, is making preparations for the event. The funds raised, says Mr. Meyer, will be used in maintaining an instructor throughout the winter months for the Knights of Pythias band, which has become a source of pride for Hood River folk. As the band has aided with all public gatherings and civic enterprises, the new band has won a universal support, and it is expected that the New Year's dance will be well attended.

PORTLAND HONORS HOOD RIVER PASTOR

Rev. W. H. Boddy was orator of Portland's celebration of the landing of the Mayflower at the Auditorium Tuesday evening. He was chosen by a committee named by Mayor Baker, W. D. Wheelwright presided at the big meeting and several hundred school children of Portland participated in the program.

Parcel Delivery Budget Cut

Postmaster Reavis says he made a mistake last year in delivering Christmas parcels through the city with his own automobile. He made no charge, and as a result deliveries of packages were made for an unusually low cost. This year Mr. Reavis' automobile was not available, and he estimated the costs at a figure materially in excess of that of a year ago, but the postoffice department has based its allowance for drayage hire on last year's expense. Mr. Reavis expects to be able, however, to operate trucks or drays for the delivery of packages to city residences the last days before Christmas. The postoffice is now having one of the heaviest rushes of history in handling Christmas parcels.

S. P. & S. Freight Train Wrecked

A freight wreck on the S. P. & S. line near Cooks, Wash., blocked the North Bank highway for a time Friday, according to J. R. Covert, who had been to Cooks and who witnessed the wreck, in which eight cars were derailed. The wreck, caused by a broken journal, occurred where the highway parallels the rail line. One box car was pushed over a retaining wall and thrown squarely across the road.

"The cars leaving the rails and overturning were mostly box cars," said Mr. Covert. "Two of them were loaded with oranges. None of the cars, however, were broken open, and the goods did not seem badly damaged."

Riverside Club in Christmas Program

The Sunday Evening Club of Riverside church presented a Christmas program Sunday evening. Children participated in a Christmas cantata. The choir and congregation rendered special Christmas music. The male quartet of the high school faculty sang, Mrs. J. W. Sifton read Dickens' "Christmas Carol." The program was in charge of Mrs. C. H. Henney.

Council Will Move Soon

The city council will hold but a single additional meeting at the old quarters in the Smith building, occupied since 1913. At the last meeting for the year, held Monday night the council decided to initiate and adopt an ordinance at the next regular meeting, to be held the first Monday in January, which will permit the body to change its place of assembling to the council chambers of the new city hall. The ordinance will carry an emergency clause and will be passed at once.

Christmas Carols Will Sing

The custom of burning candles in the windows of homes Christmas eve will be revived here this year. A group of young women carolers of Riverside church will set out up and down the residence streets and sing before the homes where the Christmas candles are burning.

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By WALT MASON

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